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St. Trolley's Day Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced the return of the "fan-favorite" St. Trolley's Day Trolley Tour. Tickets are on sale online or in-person at 221 S. Miami St. Ticket buyers will have a 6 or 7 p.m. time slot for a "fun-filled tour" Saturday, March 12. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day will take place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Wabash County Fairgrounds at the Bruce Ingraham Building, 660 Gillen Ave. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years old and younger. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Donna Siders by email at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by phone at 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for \$150.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus

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Democratic senatorial candidate to visit Wabash

Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. will speak Wednesday, March 30

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The only remaining Democratic primary candidate for this year's U.S. Senate race in Indiana will soon be visiting Wabash.

The Wabash County Democratic Party will be hosting Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. for a meet and greet at

6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the guest room at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., with a Zoom option available, said chair Chad Harris.

"We are excited to have someone with Mayor McDermott's resume running for this Senate seat," said Harris. "Mayor McDermott will be a representative for the middle class."

Background

McDermott took office on Jan. 1, 2004, and was the city's first Democratic mayor in 20 years. Tom is the longest-serving mayor in the city of Hammond's history and is currently serving a fifth consecutive term.

Tom served six years in the United States Navy as a nuclear submariner aboard the USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709) during the Persian Gulf War. He served

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Provided photo

The Wabash County Democratic Party will be hosting Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. for a meet and greet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30.

Concert pays tribute to Florence Price, a historic Black female composer



Provided photos

The concert features "Symphony No. 1 in E Minor" written by Florence Price, the first African American woman to have a composition performed by a major symphony orchestra.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra showcases youth competition winners on Sunday

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester Symphony Orchestra is celebrating "Trailblazers" in its first concert of 2022.

It is 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

The concert features "Symphony No. 1 in E Mi-

nor" written by Florence Price, the first African American woman to have a composition performed by a major symphony orchestra.

Her trailblazing symphony originally "premiered by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Frederick Stock at



Andre Burns, a senior at Merrillville High School, will perform Edouard-Victoire-Antoine Lalo's aria "Vainement Ma Bien Aimee."

the 1933 Chicago World's Fair," said MSO Conductor Debra Lynn. "Price was a domestic abuse survivor and single mother who had experienced extreme poverty and homelessness. Her life and legacy have become a great inspiration to women composers and composers of color around the world."

Lynn carefully curates Manchester Symphony Orchestra concerts to include

works by women and others who have historically not been well-represented in the world of symphony. She selects musical pieces and features artists from a broad spectrum.

"Trailblazers" also marks the return of the MSO Young Artists Concerto and Aria Competition after six years.

Three performers were

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ISDH reports 151st local COVID-19 death

Wabash County remains at the yellow advisory level for the second week in a row

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) updated its weekly COVID-19 metrics update, and every county directly surrounding Wabash County was lowered to blue, the lowest level.

However, for the second week in a row, the ISDH set Wabash County's level at yellow, the second-lowest level. This shift represents a marked change from just weeks ago when Wabash County had been rated as being in the red, or highest level, for over a month.

Also, on Friday, the ISDH reported the 151st local COVID-19 death.

In response to the relatively lower number of cases recently, the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) downgraded their mask policy from being required to recommended, said Jeanna Hann, adult department

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DAR donates materials to WCPL

In addition to history books, local chapter also donated toys for summer youth reading program

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This week, the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) was the recipient of "kindness and gifts" from the Wabash County Frances Slocum Chap-

ter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), said regent Barbara Amiss.

On Wednesday, March 9, Amiss and chapter librarian Phyllis Little presented

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Provided photo

On Wednesday, March 9, regent Barbara Amiss, right, and chapter librarian Phyllis Little, left, presented three new Indiana DAR history books to WCPL executive director Ware Wimberly, center.



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Maggie Kerr shows off the new telescope available for check out.

NMPL debuts new Homeschool Resource Center

Support available for lessons, including science, math, reading and more

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local homeschooling students and parents will now have a new destination to expand their learning capabilities thanks to the North

Manchester Public Library (NMPL).

NMPL adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said the Children's Department's new Homeschool Resource Center is

located behind the circulation desk.

"Whether your child is homeschooled, hybrid, public or private, you're sure to find a plethora of resources to enhance their curiosity, wonder and knowledge," said Hann. Hann said their

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Notre Dame easing COVID mask mandate effective Monday






SOUTH BEND (AP) — The University of Notre Dame is easing its mask mandate starting Monday, leaving them optional indoors for staff, students and visitors who are fully vaccinated.

It says masks still will be required in classrooms, labs or studios whenever a faculty member or instructor requires them.

Regardless of vaccination status, masks continue to be required for all who visit the University Testing Center, Health Services, and Wellness Center. All individuals who test positive for COVID will be required to mask for five days following their isolation period.





Students, staff, faculty and visitors who are not fully vaccinated must wear masks inside campus buildings. Exceptions are when people are alone in private offices, in personal residence hall rooms or when eating and drinking.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Saturday Chance Snow Showers 25 / 19	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 49 / 34	 Monday Mostly Cloudy 59 / 42	 Tuesday Mostly Cloudy 61 / 41	 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 67 / 46
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:47 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:57 a.m.

 Full 3/18	 Last 3/25	 New 4/1	 First 4/9
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 43%. West northwest wind 14 to 18 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 19°. Southwest wind 7 to 14 mph.



Provided photos

The new Homeschool Resource Center is located behind the circulation desk.



Patrons are invited to head behind the circulation desk to browse the homeschool, parenting, Spanish and vision resources located there.



The microscope set comes complete with slides, specimen slicer, a Petri dish and more.



Beyond science lessons, materials to enhance reading, math and other areas are also available.

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microscope set comes complete with slides, specimen slicer, a Petri dish and more.

Hann said for those studying space, students may connect their phone to the telescope and use the Bluetooth remote to take pictures of the moon.

“Set it up during the day to watch animals in the field,” said Hann.

Hann said the molecular organic chemistry kit “shows you how to construct everything from ethanol to glucose to caffeine molecules.”

Beyond science lessons, materials to enhance reading, math and other areas are also available.

“Help little practice sight word identification with fun games like Sight Word Bingo and Swat a Sight Word,” said Hann. “Math concepts become easier to visualize with the help of Base 10 Blocks, Magnetic 10-Frame and Math Link Cubes. Magic Practice Copybooks with grooved

pages and disappearing ink pens are the perfect way to practice writing numbers and letters. Spell words with Magnetic Letters and Phonics Dominoes.”

Hann said parents can explore different homeschooling approaches with new books, including Wild + Free, Unschooling, Charlotte Mason, Classical and Montessori.


“As someone who was homeschooled pre-K-High School, and is now a homeschool mom, I’ve been able to have a lot of conversations with homeschooling parents and grandparents in our community,” said children’s department head Sarah Morbitzer. “Some may choose to homeschool short-term due to bully issues, learning challenges or COVID-19. Others are planning to homeschool for the elementary years or all the way through high school graduation. In addition, there are many parents who assist their children with homework and e-learning or who want to enrich their children’s learning during the summer breaks. For all these

families, we want to provide them with the tools and books that will make learning fun and meaningful. Children who are engaged are retaining information. Even more importantly, they are establishing a love of learning, which will hopefully grow into a lifelong habit of self-motivated exploration. Learning manipulatives can really start to add up so we’re hoping the Homeschool Resource Center will help families financially by enabling them to borrow instead of buy.”

Hann said patrons are invited to head behind the circulation desk to browse the homeschool, parenting, Spanish and vision resources located there.

“We want patrons to freely come and go in this space. Staff work there but it is definitely a patron space as well. We want to see more of our patrons back there checking out all the cool things we have!” said Morbitzer.

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Obituaries

Kathy Lynn Smith

Feb. 10, 1952 – March 8, 2022

Kathy Lynn Smith, 70, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 1:23 pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. She was born on Feb. 10, 1952, in Wabash, to Jack Thomas Sr. and Darma Ruth (Jones) Smith. Kathy was a 1971 graduate of Southwood High School. She worked as a qualified medical assistant. Kathy was a member of Treaty Church of Christ and enjoyed reading and working puzzle books. She is survived by sisters and brother, Debbie (James) Bartoo of Urbana, Indiana, Jackie (Richard) Gardner and Jill (William) Schmalzried, both of Wabash, Holly Rose of North Manchester, Indiana, Jack T. (Cathy)



Smith, Jr. and Darma M. Smith, both of Wabash, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, David Wayne Smith. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, March 14, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash with Ryan Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9:30 – 10: 30 am Monday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Treaty Church of Christ Youth Group. The memorial guest book for Kathy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

James Gilbert Chowning

James Gilbert Chowning, age 91, of Valparaiso, Indiana, left this world on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. James had three children: James A. (Jeanne) Chowning, Valparaiso, IN, teacher at Washington Township School; Ruth M. Chowning, Mt Washington, KY, Kentucky Extension Agent, and John H. (Kim) Chowning, Cookeville, TN, Gospel preacher. James also had 8 grandchildren: James Riley (Rae) Chowning, Ben (Carmen) Chowning, Katie (Matt) Zacharias, Sarah Chowning, Andrew Chowning, Micah (Shelby) Chowning, Luke (Abby) Chowning, and Joshua (Rachel) Chowning. He had 7 great-grandchildren which were the delight of his life: Charlotte, Brennan, Jaxson, Maven, Elizabeth, Breslyn, and Nora. James was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Ruth Elizabeth Hammel Chowning. She worked for many decades in the maternity ward at Wabash County Hospital. He was born in Sullivan, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis E. Chowning and Mattie Marie Longbons Chowning; brother, William R. (Angie) Chowning; sister, Dolores (Charlie) Alumbaugh; and sister, Dedrie (John)Brewer. After serving in the Army from 1951 to 1954, he attended Purdue University where he completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agriculture. While attending Purdue, he met and married Ruth Elizabeth Hammel. After teaching vocational

agriculture at Tipton High School, he worked for Public Service Indiana in Wabash until he was injured in a near-fatal car accident in 1974 that left him permanently disabled. In spite of his disability, he and his wife Ruth were able to fulfill their life-long dream of serving as overseas missionaries. In 1985 they spent 3 months in Nigeria working in a school and hospital. Jim had a love for all sports- basketball, baseball, and football. Whether playing basketball in high school or the army, he was seen as a coach and team player. He coached Little League in Lagro, Indiana, during the 70's. James was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Purdue Boilermakers. Jim's greatest love and passion was serving his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a past member of Boundary Line Church of Christ, LaFontaine, Indiana, and an elder of the Heritage Church of Christ in Huntington, Indiana. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 11th from 3-6 pm, and on Saturday, March 12th from 9-10 am, with a celebration of life beginning at 10 am CST, all at Moeller Funeral Home, 104 Roosevelt Rd., Valparaiso, IN. After the 2:30 EST graveside service at the Lagro Cemetery, there will be an informal indoor get-together nearby. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions can be made to African Christian Hospitals, 102 North Locust Street, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Elmer Blevins Jr

Elmer Blevins Jr., 69, North Manchester, passed away March 3, 2022 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester, Indiana. The loving memory of Elmer Blevins Jr. will be forever cherished by his special friend, Alice Luebke, New Haven; son, Michael Blevins, Fort Wayne; brothers, Jason Blevins, Fort Wayne, Rick

(Daisy) Blevins, Baltimore, Maryland, and Brad Blevins, Kingsport, Tennessee; sisters, Debbie (James) Justice, Wabash, Shair (Byron) Erickson, Sequim, Washington, and Crystal Graf, Stout, Ohio; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who thought the world of him and he was their "favorite uncle."

Honeywell House hosts journeys in South Asia

On Thursday, March 31, the Honeywell House will host speaker Ken Perkins who will share inspirational stories of his agricultural influence in South Asia, according to a press release. He has worked with a small Laotian farm for 17 years, conducted business training in Nepal and Myanmar, and served on a trade mission

to Taiwan, Japan and South Korea. He recently became an advisor on raising pigs to a missionary in Tanzania. The event will begin at 7 p.m. The event is free, but with limited capacity, reservations are required to guarantee seating. For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

Historic St. Patrick's Church in Lagro to host St. Patrick's Day celebration

The historic St. Patrick's Church will host a St. Patrick's Day celebration at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17 at 950 Main St., Lagro, according to a press release. Other mass days for the year include April 3, May

1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

Salamonie Native Plant ID Workshop planned for Saturday, March 26

STAFF REPORT

Learn how to ID native plants during all seasons at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26 at Salamonie's Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody. The workshop is expected to last approximately three hours.

"Our speaker Jake Wyatt will share his knowledge of native plant species. Wyatt, an Indiana Master Naturalist, is a Huntington County native whose hobby and passion for native versus ornamental species covers many years," stated Rody. "We will have an introductory presentation on using a dichotomous key – especially during

winter months and learn why supporting native plants is important in today's environment. There will be hands-on learning as we view native plants in their outdoors in their natural habitats. Dress for the weather, there will be some walking to locate plants. There will also be caravaning to locations within Lost Bridge West. Bring a

sack lunch or snack." The cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. This workshop is supported by Indiana DNR and Upper Wabash Invasive Networks (UWIN). For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Living in the short term, longing for eternity

A friend of mine last week said, "That's the sickest I have ever been in my life. I thought I was going to die." Between COVID-19, influenza A (through Z) and all the other stuff going around, I get it. I just had a short bout with the flu, but the sense that the disease feels like death is enough to get us questioning our end. As quickly as we try to forget and get back to "normal," there is something really important in capturing and grasping that sense of life's transience and the awkward and painful way these bodies wear out. What do I mean?

I have been reading Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, frankly amazed by both the intensity and the grace with which he communicates his care to the people there. He never pulls his punches or pulls away from looking at his shortcomings and mortality. For this subject, I love his illustration about our earthly bodies as "tents": "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile, we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked." 2Corinthians 5:1-3NIV For Paul, a tent-maker by trade, seeing these bodies as temporary tents for our souls was a picture that hit close to home. Our family

Rev. Todd Render Sermonette



used to love tent camping. After having the tent knocked down on top of us while camping on a tiny island in Maine during a Nor'easter, or waiting out a lightning storm in a tiny backpacking tent perched atop a bluff over the Manistee River in Michigan, one gets the sense quickly that there isn't much between you and a potentially painful exit to eternity. Thus, between the short time in these temporary shelters and the time when we move into our "permanent house," Paul says we "groan" not wanting to be found naked. He says that being in these decaying and dying bodies is like being naked, which was considered shameful, embarrassing and uncomfortable. That leads me to think of another metaphor for these temporary bodies for our times. Two words: Hospital gowns. Anyone who has ever had a stay in the hospital, even for same-day procedures, knows this one. You get there, you have to take off all your clothes, and all you get is a short gown that is open in the back. You are exposed, vulnerable, with not much either for protection or privacy, in a temporary covering not meant to last.

But that is also the point: The form of these bodies gets left behind when we go home. In the meantime, we make it easy for God, the great physician, to diagnose and treat what He needs to. Both of these metaphors point to some profound realities. With our souls bare, we groan that, and we groan for. Scripture talks about how Job groaned, complaining and lamenting that he lost his family and household, he groaned at the pain of his physical disease. In other places, we hear people groaning that the poor and hungry were treated with injustice and persecution. Jeremiah the prophet groans in humiliation that he remembers his shameful youth (Jer 31:19). Isaiah says that life here is like making a living off the water, and we groan that the river dries up right in front of us while we are watching (Isaiah 19:8). But there is an encouraging point arising in these pictures as well, one that brings us hope. With every reminder of the fragile and temporary nature of our current bodies, we know and long and groan for our promised permanent dwellings. We are more than just occupants in these vehicles that get us through this phase of existence. The very fact that we have this longing speaks to our essence and identity beyond what can be seen. Ecclesiastes 3:10-11 reads, "I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made

everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end." It is the longing that David captured in Psalm 42:1-2, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" We long for a meeting and a place just beyond the spectrum of what is visible to our eyes, perceived only with the heart when the soul is tuned and turned towards its Creator. We yearn for existence in the eternal beyond death and pain. Paul knew where this was because he had met the ruler of that place, the one begotten to rule over all heaven and earth: Jesus. Paul in his letter reminds us once again that we were made for eternity, that there is hope every time we are groaning that we struggle in this life and groaning for life beyond this life. Those in Jesus have everything and forever to look forward to. Rev. Todd Render is pastor of the Alliance Church in Wabash and a retired medical device engineer. He and his wife, Lori, relocated from Fort Wayne in 2016 and have three grown children. Todd has an M.S. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and an M.A. in ministry from Grace Theological Seminary. To start a conversation or make a comment, go to our website at www.wabashalliancechurch.com. We'd love to hear from you.

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as a nuclear electrician in the sub's reactor plant and passed the strenuous U.S. Navy Dive School to become the ship's only diver, according to his campaign. After the Navy, McDermott attended Purdue Northwest, earning high honors in finance while working full time. Law school took Tom to South Bend, where he attended the University of Notre Dame. There, Tom worked in the school's Legal Aid office, "providing legal services for the less fortunate." After receiving his law degree, Tom returned to Hammond to open his own law practice. In 2005, McDermott was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash," the highest honor bestowed upon a civilian by the Governor of Indiana. Also, in 2005, he was named deputy chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, "putting him at the center of state issues." In 2009, he was elected chairman of the Lake County Democratic Central Committee. In 2018, he was named a chair to the Democratic National Committee's Veterans and Military Families Council.

Tom and his wife, Marissa, are "proud parents" to four children. "Following 18 years of coaching youth baseball, Tom has recently turned to competing in triathlons," stated his campaign. He is also a member of the St. John Bosco parish and numerous boards and community organizations.

Other Democratic and Republican candidates removed from primary ballot

The contested and uncontested races have been set as the filing period for the upcoming primary election concluded at noon Feb. 4. The primary election will be held May 3 and the general election will be held on Nov. 8. Incumbent Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, filed for re-election Jan. 28. He faced a primary challenge by Danny Niederberger, who filed Feb. 2. On the Democratic side, Haneefah Khaaliq, Valerie McCray and McDermott filed Feb. 3, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, respectively, for their party's nomination. Khaaliq was also a guest speaker at a recent Wabash County Democratic

Party meeting. However, on Feb. 18, the state election commission, which is made up of two Republicans and two Democrats, voted to remove one Republican and two Democratic candidates from the May primary ballot for U.S. Senate for failing to meet the state requirement for filing petitions signed by at least 500 registered voters from all nine congressional districts by the Feb. 4 deadline, according to the Associated Press. The decision leaves Young and McDermott running unopposed for their parties' Senate nominations for the November election. The commission's decision removed Niederberger, an accountant from West-

field, from the Republican ballot, and Khaaliq, the executive director of Gary's Human Relations Commission, and McCray from the Democratic ballot. All three raised objections to Indiana's signature requirement process, but commission members said they had no choice other than to enforce the state law. Khaaliq and McCray, who are Black women, said they spent months gathering petition signatures only to have their candidacy filings for the Democratic nomination be challenged by a supporter of McDermott, a white man. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

Biden’s Russian oil ban will be painful, but necessary

President Joe Biden did the right thing Tuesday in banning the U.S. importation of Russian oil, coal and liquefied natural gas in the wake of that country’s unwarranted invasion of Ukraine.

The ban means that U.S. oil dollars won’t fund Russia’s violence in Ukraine.

“Americans have rallied to support the Ukrainian people and made it clear we will not be part of subsidizing [Russian President Vladimir] Putin’s war,” Biden said in a speech.

An energy ban, along with other tough sanctions already imposed, are the morally right moves to make to counter Putin’s unprovoked aggression, which has sent over a million Ukrainians fleeing as refugees.

The energy ban came on the same day that McDonald’s shuttered hundreds of stores in Russia, while Starbucks and other American companies paused business operations there too.

Putting the screws on Russia’s economy

Of course, Biden’s energy ban alone won’t immediately bring Russia to its knees, or to the bargaining table to negotiate peace.

That’s because only 3 percent of U.S. crude oil imports come from Russia. In addition, Russian oil accounts for just 1 percent of the crude oil processed by U.S. refineries, according to the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, a trade association.

Russia won’t feel the ban’s impact all at once, either. Biden’s act immediately stops new purchases of Russian energy, but buyers with existing contracts have 45 days to stop deliveries.

Still, the ban, along with other economic sanctions levied against Russia by the U.S. and the international community since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, further complicates Putin’s ability to fund his senseless war and maintain a viable Russian economy over

the long term.

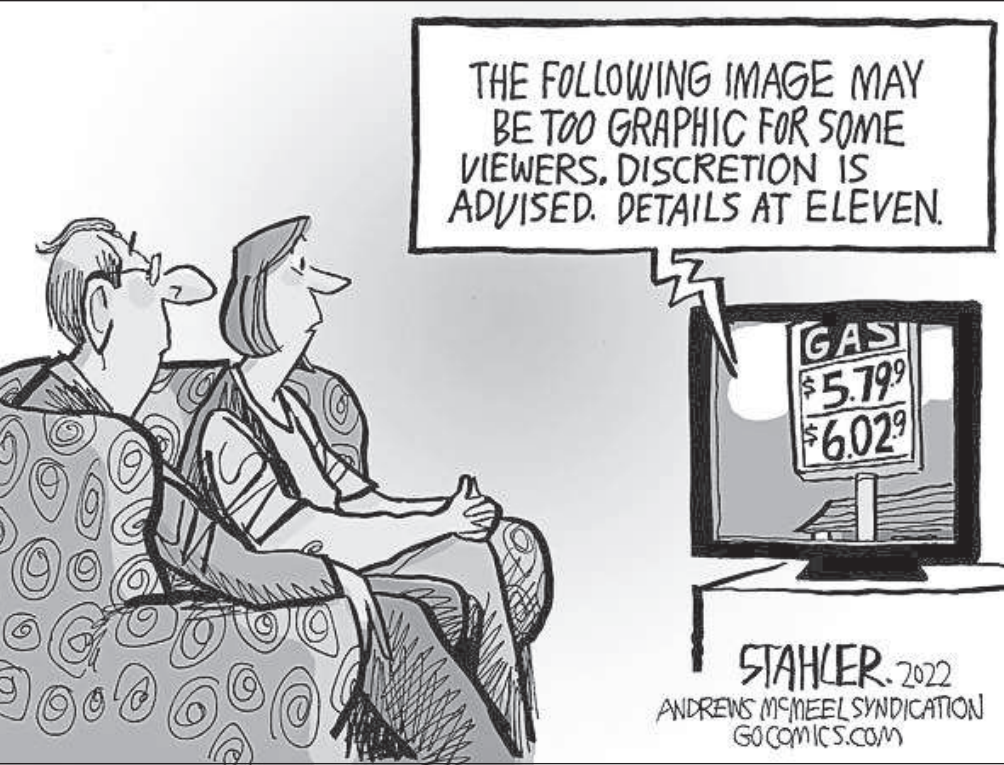
“The Russian ruble is now down by 50 percent since Putin announced his war,” Biden said. “One ruble is now worth less than one American penny.” The oil ban tightens the economic screws a little more.

Undoubtedly, U.S. gasoline and energy consumers – who are already weathering sudden and historic price hikes right now – will feel the pain of this move. Chicago gasoline prices, already flirting at \$5.00 a gallon for regular fuel, will surely rise even more now.

Biden did warn oil companies not to price-gouge, although we suspect the horse might be out of the barn on that one.

But even as consumers make sacrifices, we believe most Americans recognize that Biden took a necessary step to let Putin know, yet again, that he and Russia will pay a substantial economic price for launching a senseless war.

This editorial was first published in the Chicago Sun-Times.



The war in Ukraine is a teachable moment about the value of freedom and what it means to be a patriot

I discuss the topic of leadership a lot in our home. It is not much of a surprise as my wife and I have multiple combat tours between us. Together, we have over 40 years of collective military leadership experience and the honor of leading troops into combat. Throughout our careers, we have seen the full spectrum of leadership; some of the most rewarding experiences are when we observe those unlikely leaders emerge in the face of adversity. In the past few days, like so many other Americans, we have watched new heroes emerge in Ukraine, as an unjust war unfolds.

We have been most impressed by “Captain Ukraine,” President Volodymyr Zelensky, a former TV comedian, who in the past few days has become a global symbol for the democracy we hold so dear. He has become not just the face of Ukrainian resilience, but also a leader that has truly united people across the globe. His words and actions have inspired and motivated world leaders, to recommit to the values of peace, unity, and democracy.

To our family, his courageous response to an offer of evacuation showed the spirit in which this country (America) was founded. He said, “The fight is here; I need ammunition, not a ride.” It is this kind of “lead from the front” attitude that we feel has captivated so many of us over the past few days. Zelensky’s willingness to roll up his sleeves (when he is not wearing a T-shirt) and put himself in harm’s way is a stark reminder that freedom is not free and that the price of freedom is commitment, perseverance, and determination. He teaches a lesson in democracy that is not lost on the members of my family.

It is not just Zelensky who is worthy of praise as the media reports nearly 70,000 rifles

Joseph Reagan



defiantly stating, “I am an adult woman, I am healthy and it’s my responsibility.” President Zelensky has been the first to acknowledge that the Ukrainian people have stepped up and have been doing so since Russia invaded Crimea in 2014 with the creation of the Territorial Defense Force made solely of Ukrainian volunteers.

Just as live television allowed the Vietnam War to be brought into our living rooms, social media has put the Ukraine War into our hands. We are bombarded with traditional media and social media accounts of the war. This new age of reporting has brought an unprecedented awareness to how fragile democracy can be and as my wife and I point to the TV, cell phone or computer monitor, we try to show our children that “this is what patriotism looks like and that everyday people can be heroes if they so choose.”

The news is reporting that some Ukrainian parents are sewing their child’s blood type to their shirt before sending them off to school. Other parents are packing bags for their young children so they can be loaded onto a train and taken to a foreign country for safety, reassuring them that everything will be OK while silently wondering if they will ever be a family again. Other parents are pleading with doctors trying desperately to keep the youngest victims of this war alive. This is how Ukrainian children are learning about war and freedom. With everything

that has transpired over the past few days, my wife and I are suddenly realizing how valuable something as simple as a family dinner can be to a nation’s democracy.

As Americans, we are grateful that we are largely free of external threats to our family and our freedoms. We should remember that the principles that the people of Ukraine are defending with their lives today are the very same principles that generations of Americans have fought for as well. Our country, despite all our self-imposed differences, needs to look at the images coming from Ukraine and bear witness to their unity, and to notice that the only division is between those who stand in defense of democracy and those who stand against it.

As President Ronald Reagan – a World War II veteran – once said, “No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.” There is no place in the world today where this is more evident than in Ukraine. My sincere hope is that the sacrifices being made by the people of Ukraine inspire all of us to have the moral courage to recommit ourselves to the ideals we share as Americans and to put aside our petty arguments to find a way to show our families we love them and our country.

Joseph Reagan is the director of military and veterans outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has almost 20 years’ experience working with leaders within government, nonprofit and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans Health. He served eight years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is the recipient of multiple awards and decorations including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Holcomb can take a stand for Hoosiers with disabilities by signing HB 1242

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially established March as National Disability Awareness Month. Today, 35 years later, I reflect on the past and look toward the future. I see a lot of great things that have happened, but I am

worried. There are 54 million Americans living with disabilities. For many of those people, having a job is not only a paycheck but a purpose. Knowing these stakes, we face the harsh reality that 60 percent with disabilities are unemployed.

We are at a crossroads in Indiana. The Ability Indiana program has historically been a great “win.”

Businesses across the state that employ people with disabilities can apply to become Certified Ability Indiana Organizations (CAIO). The way it works is the state purchases products and services they use anyway from these CAIOs that provide employment and training programs for Hoosiers with disabilities. Through the program, Indiana taxpayers realize annual savings of \$2,300 per worker. How? CAIO employees become taxpaying citizens and have a reduced need of government entitlements. In addition, state agencies receive high-quality products and services at fair market prices.

In 2018 of HB 1257 was passed to increase program transparency. Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the legislation into law. Unfortunately, it did not increase opportunities. State purchases from CAIOs that employ Hoosiers with disabilities is lower. It is time the state strengthens its regulations. House Bill 1242, heading towards Holcomb’s desk, is a step in the right direction. It would help answer critical questions. Is the state living up to its standards? Is it doing all it can to create job opportunities for Hoosiers with disabilities?

HB 1242 would do several things. It addresses the need for increased transparency with the collection and dissemination of information from state agencies on purchasing practices. It would also establish a utilization goal of 1.5 percent. This would create an awareness and set an expectation that does not conflict with other purchasing goals. It also makes state buyers more cognizant of the Ability Indiana program as they are evaluating available products and services during the purchasing process.

We have seen strong bipartisan support for this legislation. I hope that Holcomb continues his fight for Hoosiers with disabilities. Any action against this legislation sends the wrong message at a time when we need to bring awareness to Americans living with disabilities. Let’s ensure there are more opportunities for this population of people who want to work while benefiting taxpayers.

Jeffrey Mittman is the president and CEO of Bosma.

LETTERS

Why would any voter want to make police work even more difficult?

With the passage of House Bill 1296, Indiana’s Republican legislators have effectively turned our state into the wild wild west. Allow me to remind all in favor of no-permit carry that “Gun-smoke” was fiction and it is no longer 1880.

Yet, here we are in the 21st century when our police officers go to work every day wearing body armor as if they’re entering a war zone and praying they’ll return to their families at the end of their shifts. Why would any voter want to make police work even more difficult?

The truth is that multiple polls have shown that up to 90 percent of Hoosiers are not at all in favor of no-permit carry. Why is that? It’s because most Hoosiers are decent, caring people who have watched enough local news stories to know that gun violence is an epidemic in this state.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter was appointed by a Republican. When even he, the highest-ranking police officer in the state, has roundly denounced this measure, it is unconscionable that anyone would consider voting it through. Sadly, these lawmakers fear their primary contenders from the far right. Similarly, they fear listening to their constituents.

I do not. I am the candidate who takes the time to listen to all voters with an open mind and heart.

Tammari Ingalls
Democratic candidate,
Indiana House District 50
Wabash

Evangelists of daytime television

Drew Carey of “The Price is Right” has elevated himself spiritually. He says his program is “a blessing” and tells his huge flock of followers, “I love you.”

Like Ellen, he “feels the love” of his excited contestants and viewers. What use are churches when you have TV game shows and talk shows?

But true religion will reclaim its turf before too long, through better marketing.

In the Middle Ages, when the church needed cash for its building programs, it marketed indulgences to its parishioners.

When the church turned sharply from give-peace-a-chance to war-mongering, Crusader-type military doctrines emerged. This is poised to happen again today, as the Christian world is plunging early this century into a new European death march like it did last century.

Will America’s churches call the faithful to cross the ocean once again for the sake of Christ? Watch Drew and Ellen for an early signal.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

Relative’s well-wishes have become burdensome

DEAR ABBY: I am blessed to have a wonderfully supportive family, which includes my and my husband’s siblings. I was recently scheduled for major abdominal surgery. For the weeks leading up to it, I quietly went about preparing the house and putting systems in place so I could be absent, but otherwise tried not to dwell on the upcoming unpleasantness.

Dear Abby



Most of my support people checked in occasionally to see how I was doing or if I needed anything. One sister-in-law, however, has been over-the-top. She sends cards, texts, flowers and calls. I appreciate her support, but it’s too much. The cards always say the same thing – “heal gently” and “these are the good old days of medicine.” In the weeks leading up to surgery and afterward, I have received nearly a dozen cards, plus her texts, etc.

Is there a nice way to let her know it is too much and I’m tired? My body reminds me every day that I’m healing, but slowly. I don’t want the attention and the reminder that I’m not yet where I’d like to be. Please let me know if there’s a polite, graceful way to make it STOP! – Progressing In California

DEAR PROGRESSING: A “nice” way to phrase it might be to say, “Honey, I am grateful for all the support you’ve been giving me, but the surgery is behind me now, and I am slowly regaining my strength. Please don’t send me any more get-well cards – the dozen you have sent have already worked their magic.”

DEAR ABBY: I am writing because I’m concerned about my husband’s drinking. We have been married 35 years and we love each other very much. We are both retired. He drinks at least a six-pack a day. Although he doesn’t appear to be intoxicated, I know this has to mean he is an alcoholic. Because he doesn’t drink and drive, he thinks this is fine. Besides being unhealthy and giving him a huge beer gut, it’s expensive. Your thoughts, please. – Concerned Wife In Georgia

DEAR WIFE: Schedule your and your husband’s “annual medical checkups,” regardless of how long they may have been delayed. Before you go in, the doctor should be informed that your beloved hubby imbibes a six-pack per day – at the very least. Whether this will motivate the doctor to encourage him to quit or cut back is anybody’s guess, but I am hopeful.

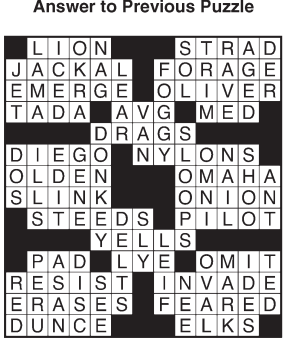
You could benefit from attending some Al-Anon meetings. Al-Anon is an offshoot of Alcoholics Anonymous that helps the families and friends of individuals who have an alcohol problem. I am sure if you do, you will not only find it enlightening, but also beneficial for the practical advice and emotional support it offers. Go to al-anon.org/info for more information.

DEAR READERS: This is my annual reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don’t forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. I love this ritual because it signals the coming of spring and with it longer, brighter days and warmer weather. For me, it’s a mood elevator and an energizer. May spring bring good things your way! – Love, Abby

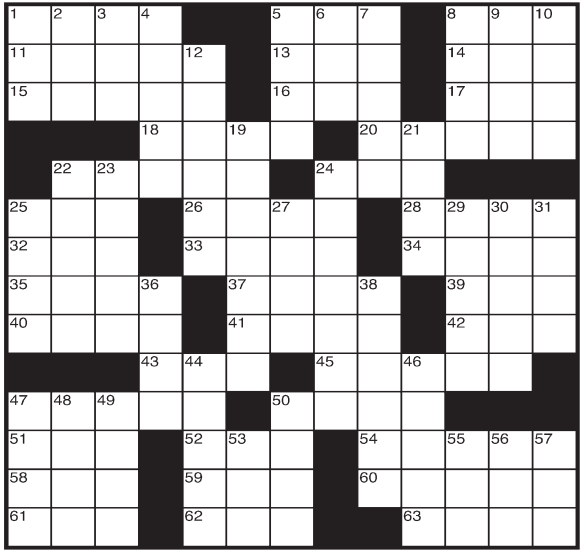
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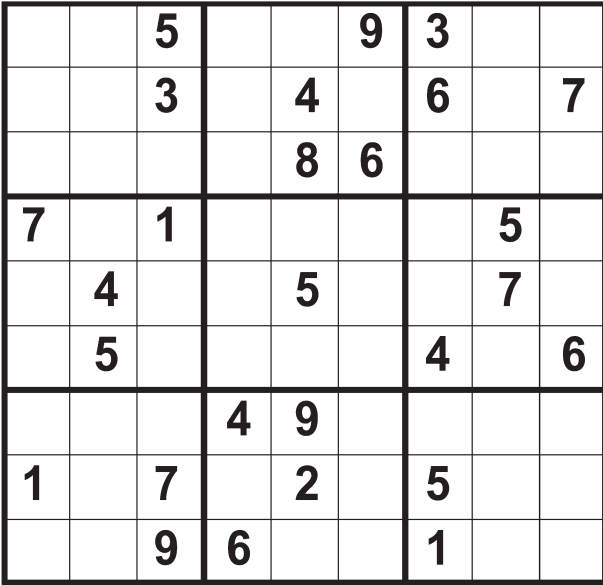
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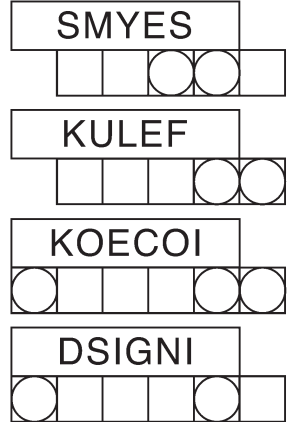
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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8	3	9	5	2	1	7	4	6
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Answer “here: ”

Yesterday’s Jumbles: GAUGE HATCH MYSTIC FORBID

Answer: No one told them what to purchase. After some research, they were there — “BUY” CHOICE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

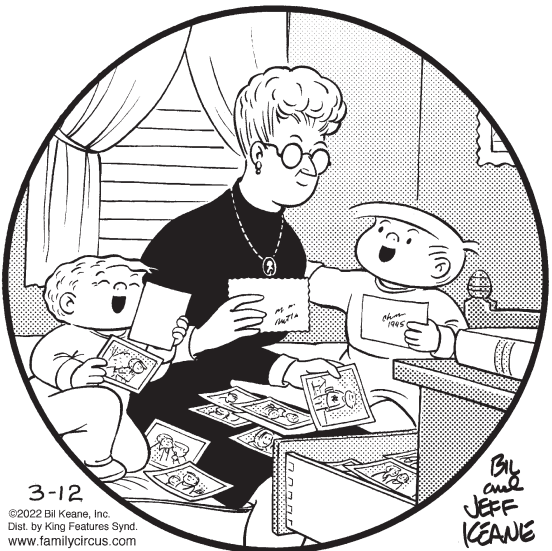


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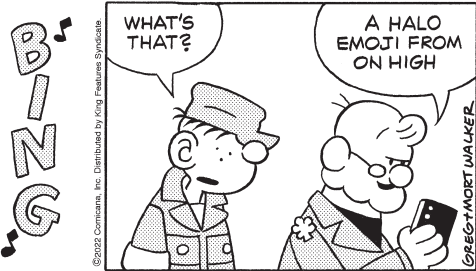
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

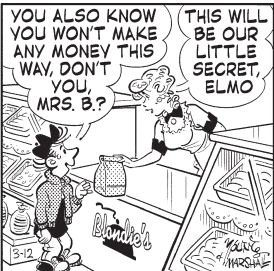
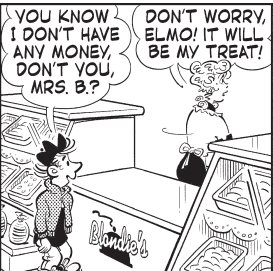
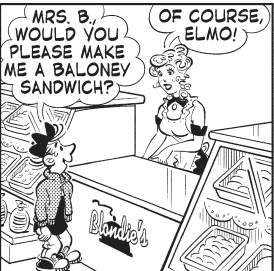


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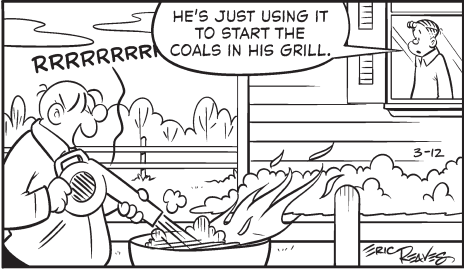
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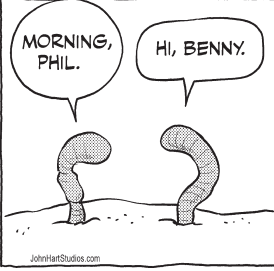
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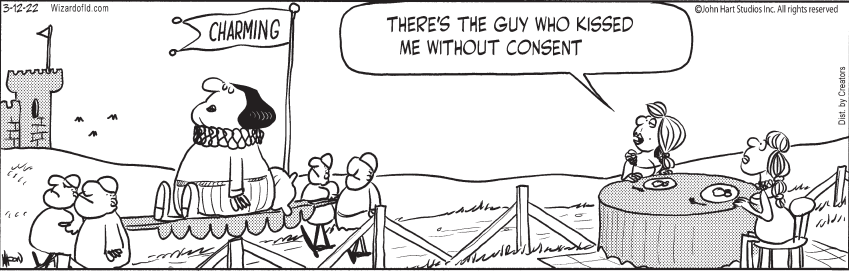
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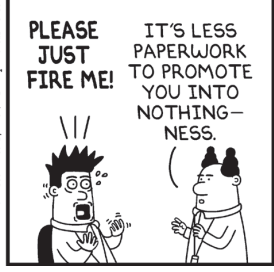
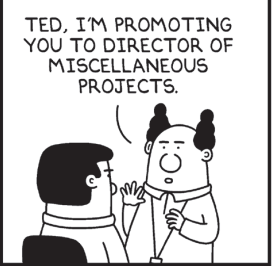
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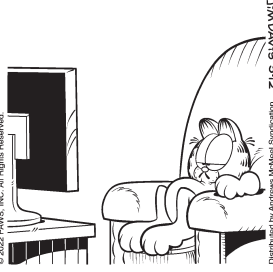
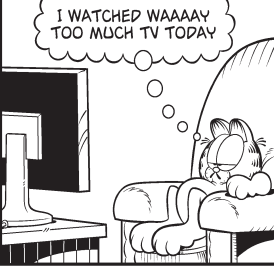
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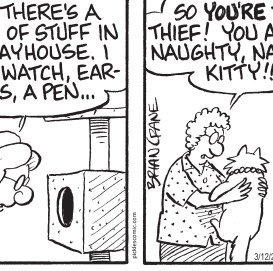
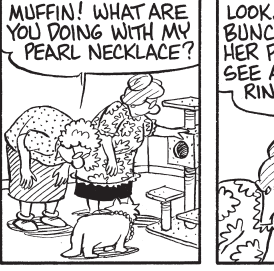
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FORT KNOX



PICKLES



‘Love is silence, lust is a roar’

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My fiancé and I are going through marriage counseling before our wedding. The counselor has told my future husband that his intentions toward me are lustful and sinful and these do not exhibit his love for me. What is the difference between lust and love? – I.M.

A: Some years ago a folk singer said, “Love is silence, lust is a roar. Love is a sacrifice; lust always wants more. Love is a giving; lust only takes. Love is a meeting of hearts; lust breaks.” The human race has taken a very precious gift of God and corrupted it in the name of love. God’s greatest gift has been perverted. True love will not harm. Often

called the love chapter, 1 Corinthians is an eloquent passage that used to be read at weddings. “Love ... is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

How different marriages – and any other relationship

would be – if this were put into practice by all. How different our world would be. So people often ask, “Why is this so hard?”

The answer is sin. The secret to avoiding the pitfalls of immorality is to live according to God’s word and to have His presence in the human heart, turning over to Him all sin through repentance. It is only through Christ that He gives us a supernatural power to live clean lives and lives that reflect the love that He desires for all.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“EGCOPYOJ MYVXVJAA CHH XCS PK
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Previous Solution: “When Meat Loaf died Louie Anderson was like, ‘What’s the point of living?’ I loved them both.” — Comedian Jeff Ross
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Lydia Kelly, a senior biology and chemistry major at MU, will perform Rosauro's "Concerto No. 1 for Marimba and Orchestra, Movement IV, Despedida."

CONCERT

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selected to perform as soloists during the concert: ■ Andre Burns, a senior at Merrillville High School, will perform Edouard-Victoire-Antoine Lalo's aria "Vainement Ma Bien Aimee." ■ Lydia Kelly, a senior biology and chemistry major at MU, will perform Rosauro's "Concerto No. 1 for Marimba and Orches-

tra, Movement IV, Despedida." ■ Ben Morton, a sophomore at Homestead High School, will perform Saint-Saens's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 22, Movement I." Tickets are \$15 general admission; and free for MU students, faculty and staff with Manchester ID and anyone age 18 and younger. Masks, proof of vaccination and proof of a negative COVID-19 test are not required at Honey-



Ben Morton, a sophomore at Homestead High School, will perform Saint-Saens's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 22, Movement 1."

well venues. Visit manchestersymphonyorchestra.org to purchase tickets. Lynn is the director of choral and vocal studies at Manchester University. A composer who will be conducting for the third time this spring at Carnegie Hall, she is a collaborative musical storyteller. The Manchester Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1939 through a partnership with the people of Wabash County and what

was then Manchester College. It thrives today as a core component of the rich performing arts culture in the region. Its members are a mix of professional and community musicians, Manchester students and several high school students. The "Trailblazers" concert is sponsored by MPS Egg Farms. *Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

COVID

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manager and marketing coordinator. Hann said properly worn face masks are recommended inside the library as Wabash County's seven-day positivity rate has now fallen below the 15 percent mark. Hann said per the NMPL's Service Strategies for County Pandemic and Epidemic Ratings Metrics, they were following their previously approved guidelines for the lower yellow rating. "Masks are optional but encouraged in the library building," said Hann. "Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the library. Curbside services are available. We are cleaning all returned materials with Concept 256. We are employing the use of protective shields at circulation desks. Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said because Wabash County when the advisory level drops below red, "we make masks optional for both staff and library patrons at all times."

Wimberly said when the county is at a red level, all library programming is done with take-home kits or virtually. If the level is below red, as is now, they will resume indoor programming with optional masks for participants and staff. "Regardless of the level, we do have masks available for library customers at all times," said Wimberly. "We do offer curbside service upon request for patrons. The library also provides many digital resources such as Hoopla and Overdrive library customers can access online with a library card." The lowered number of cases and tests across the state has caused many local testing and vaccination clinics to reduce hours or close. On Wednesday, the Bowen Center announced that beginning Saturday, March 12 it would decrease the hours of its COVID-19 testing site in Kosciusko County,

said public relations and marketing manager Claudia Johnson. The hours will be reduced to just three days a week, including from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. "The change is in response to a sharp decline in visitors to the testing site," said Johnson. "The free, drive-through testing site in Warsaw, located at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, started to see a decrease in tests administered in mid-January and has seen a steady decline since. Should demand increase, the center will reevaluate and increase hours as warranted." English/Spanish language technicians are available to administer the tests which are free and available to anyone 2 years old and up. You do not need an appointment, a doctor's referral, insurance or to be a resident of Kosciusko County. For more information, call 574-372-3517 or 574-372-2353. "The COVID-19 testing site opened in October 2020 and has been one of the highest volume state-sponsored test sites in Indiana," said Johnson.

The drive-through site is operated by Bowen Center and Bowen Health Clinic on behalf of the Indiana Department of Health and the Kosciusko County Health Department with assistance from the Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition, Ivy Tech Community College - Warsaw, Kosciusko Community Hospital, WJ Carey Construction, the Kosciusko County Fair Board, Wildman Business Group and DM Trump Construction. Hoosiers in need of COVID-19 testing can find a site at www.coronavirus.in.gov. Individuals seeking a COVID-19 vaccine can visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to find a location. For more information, visit www.health.in.gov. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.*

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three new Indiana DAR history books to WCPL executive director Ware Wimberly. The chapter also presented ocean-themed toys for

the library's summer youth reading program. "As members of DAR, we continue to actively promote patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children," said Amiss. Amiss said prospective

members and guests are always welcome to attend monthly meetings. "DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution," said Amiss. Those having questions

about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.*



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Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, March 13 services at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person morning Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be “Yes, Filter Out the Noise,” from Matthew 5:37, as part of

the current sermon theme of “Redeeming the Time.” The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. There will be a Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service led by Holli Good and Brooke Swope. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, March 13.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at

10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or

Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 13 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, “The Ark Door.” The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday Servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Dorothy Carpenter, special reading; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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A group photo of the Southwood Knights basketball team. There are ten players in total, arranged in two rows. The back row consists of six players standing, and the front row consists of four players kneeling. The player in the center of the front row is holding a basketball. They are all wearing black jerseys with "SOUTHWOOD KNIGHTS" and their numbers in red and white. The background is a wooden gymnasium wall.

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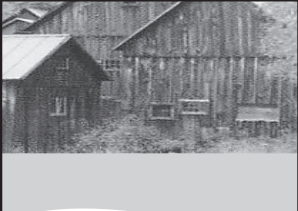
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH)SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2203-EU-24
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
SHIRLEY A. BARLOW, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Thomas J. Barlow was, on the 3rd day of
March, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of
Shirley A. Barlow, deceased, who died on the 5th day of August, 2021.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now
due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within
three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or
within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier,
or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash County, Indiana, this 3rd day of March, 2022.
CLERK OF THE WABASH COUNTY COURTS
Isaiah P. Vanderpool (34239-49)
Attorney for Estate
VANDERPOOL LAW FIRM, PC
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LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH) SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2202-ES-000022
IN RE THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
LARRY G. WEITZEL, Deceased
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of March, 2022, DIANA LEE
WEITZEL, was appointed personal representative of the supervised
estate of LARRY G. WEITZEL, deceased, who died on the 14th day of
January, 2022.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 1st day of March, 2022.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
LORI DRAPER, Clerk
Wabash Circuit Court
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Dems make their priorities clear

Senate Democrats ended February insisting on a procedural fight over the Women’s Health Protection Act, to get Republicans on record about the issue during a midterm election year. But if Americans realized just what the Women’s Health Protection Act is about, it should not only backfire as a strategy for the Dems, but would prompt an awakening about just how radical a country we’ve become when it comes to abortion.

It was striking to hear Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer be open about what the euphemistically and manipulatively named legislation is about: abortion. Most Democrats in the Senate voted for the bill to come to the floor –

**Kathryn
Lopez**



with the one exception of Joe Manchin from West Virginia, who increasingly is finding himself at odds with his party

One of the senators who went on record in a clarifying way was Bob Casey Jr. of Pennsylvania. He describes himself as pro-life, even though he gets decent ratings from Planned Parenthood for his voting record. He’s a far cry from his courageous father, who was banned from speaking at the 1992 Democratic convention for fear that he would challenge his party on abortion.

But Casey just voted to

bring to the floor the most radical bill that Congress has ever seen when it comes to this issue. It’s legislation that insists that the states don’t have the right to govern themselves when it comes to abortion, at a time when the majority in some states have chosen restrictions. Even Casey’s home state has a ban on abortions after the 24th week of pregnancy. That’s not overly restrictive – that’s reasonable.

The White House issued a statement insisting that “restrictions are particularly devastating for communities of color.” In fact, those are the women and girls who are so often most pressured into abortion as their only choice.

There’s a practical new

book, “Speaking for the Unborn: 30-Second Pro-Life Rebuttals to Pro-Choice Arguments,” by Steven A. Christie, a medical doctor in Miami. He knows that abortion isn’t a mere political issue, but a basic human rights issue. Toward the beginning of the book, he points out that there have been over 62 million abortions since Roe in 1973. He writes: “If the unborn are not alive or not human, then it really doesn’t matter, and we needn’t bother about this.” He continues, “If, however the unborn are alive and are human, than we have killed more than 62 million children.” It’s for children that we bother, he concludes. The book goes on to make nonreligious arguments against abortion.

It’s only in choosing to look away from some of the basic facts he lays out that abortion continues in America.

Dr. Christie is also clear that compassion for women needs to be foremost in people’s minds as we urge the protection of the unborn, particularly knowing that 62 million abortions represent millions of women, too, who have suffered. Any loss is a suffering, so even those who shout their abortions in protest at the thought of restrictions must have deep, raw wounds that politics no doubt pours salt on.

At a time when Russia is giving the world flashbacks to the Soviet menace, Democrats made their priority expanding abortion in America, seeking to ride

roughshod on states that rightly object to such a harmful measure.

Don’t expect peace in the world until we do better than abortion. Forgive me from borrowing that idea from Mother Teresa, speaking in front of President Clinton. Until we stop dehumanizing the unborn child in the womb, expect more, not less, violence in homes, in our country and throughout the world.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

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unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates.

March 14 – “PeaceTech: Engineering to Change the World” by Zia Haque. April 4 – “Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier” by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In “CommuniKate: Artalive,” Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents “Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond.” April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

Applications open for Manley Music Scholarship

The Manley Scholarship was established in 1998 by the estate of Olive Manley, a local Wabash resident, to encourage and promote music among Wabash High School (WHS) graduates pursuing a career in music. Any person who is attending or has

graduated from WHS, and is enrolled or intends to enroll in a post-high school educational institution to pursue a career in music – music composition, music technology, music performance, musical theater, music therapy – or music education, dance or dance education, is eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Manley Music Scholarship Trust. Scholarships are for one year, and recipients may re-apply annually for a maximum of four years. Applications are due by Tuesday, March 15 and must include the original grade transcript and a letter of reference. Applications may be submitted by mail to WHS, c/o Guidance Office-scholarship application, 580 N Miami St, Wabash IN 46992, re: Manley Music Scholarship. For more information, visit the WHS guidance officer or whs.apaches.k12.in.us.

**Salamonie Forest
Preschool underway**

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

**UWIN holding
native tree sale**

Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) is holding a second tree sale, including red maples, sweetgum, persimmon, tulip

(Indiana State tree), redbud, pawpaw, snowberry, red osier dogwood, spicebush and more. Prices depend on the chosen size and range from \$15 to \$90. To place an order, visit <https://lafontainelions.com/shop> or email trody@dnr.in.gov. The order and payment deadline is Tuesday, March 15. Orders will be available for pick up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Brandt’s Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St.

**Salamonie Preschool
offers ‘B is for Birds’
on Wednesday**

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “B is for Birds” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

**Honeywell Center
to host Wabash
FAME Festival**

This year’s Wabash FAME Festival will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Honeywell Center. Student performances including piano, vocal and dance; student art displays; and workshops featuring guest musicians, dancers and visual artists, will all be a part of the Wabash FAME Festival. This will be the 14th festival of this kind in Wabash, and admission to

the festival and participation in most activities is free. This year’s festival theme is “The Jazz Era,” highlighting music and dance from the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s.

**Second Harvest
to hold tailgate
food distributions**

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 23 and April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

**Paradise Spring
Board offers
scholarships to local
high school seniors**

The Paradise Spring Board has announced they will again be offering scholarships to five Wabash County seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 per student. For this year’s scholarship, “high school seniors are invited to research and write an essay about the railroad hub at Paradise Spring Historical Park and how the railroad still impacts us today.” Essay packets have been delivered to all public schools in the county or can be requested by email at ungerdeanna@gmail.com. Winners will be selected from the county schools plus one from the home-schooled, online or alternate school student groups. To receive the scholarship, the selected winners are also required to present their essays either in person or via video to be used for future programming. Completed essays and cover letters should be returned by Friday, April 1 by mail to

Paradise Spring Board, P.O. Box 353, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

**Salamonie ‘Twins
Among the Trees’
Forest School
underway**

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

**Guardian Warriors
seeks to raise
funds through
shoe donations**

The Guardian Warriors group has launched a shoe collection drive to raise money to help local families, send children to college, an upcoming 9/11 event and more. The shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and “reduce what goes into landfills.” The shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available

from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

**DivorceCare
meets Tuesdays**

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

**Wabash County
Animal Shelter
partnership to pair
emerging readers
with dogs, cats**

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

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LIFESTYLES



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Beef bourguignon – a warming stew worth the time

During the winter season, I make a meaty stew at least once a month. Stews are rich and comforting. They are meant to be slow-cooked to tenderize tough cuts of meat and to infuse the stew with the essence of the meat and aromatics.

One of my go-to stews is a beef bourguignon, a classic French stew hailing from the wine-rich region of Burgundy. It's a delicious one-pot dinner perfect for a cold night or an apres-ski meal, and it's guaranteed to make your kitchen enticingly fragrant. There are a few key details to remember when making the stew. Be sure to brown the meat well in the beginning and use a good-quality red wine that you would happily drink. It doesn't have to be a pricey bottle, but it should certainly be quaffable. Ideally, start the stew a day ahead of serving (or even two). Not only will the flavor improve with time, but it allows the fat to rise to the top when it cools, which is a nifty way to get rid of any extra unctuous fat. After a night in the fridge, all you need to do is lift off the solidified fat

from the surface before you reheat the stew, and you will be left with a silky, rich stock.

I take a few liberties in making the classic French recipe, including the addition of a generous splash of cognac or Calvados (apple brandy) to deglaze the pan, and tomato paste to give extra body and fruitiness to the stock. A spoonful of brown sugar is a final addition to round out the flavors of the stew.

Beef Bourguignon

Active time: 1 hour
Total time: 3 1/2 to 4 hours
Yield: Serves 6

Stew:
Extra-virgin olive oil
2 1/2 to 3 pounds beef chuck, excess fat trimmed, meat cut into 1 1/2- to 2-inch chunks
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup cognac or Calvados
2 carrots, chopped
1 yellow onion, chopped
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 (750 ml) bottle full-bodied red wine
1 cup beef or chicken stock
4 thyme sprigs
2 bay leaves
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
1 tablespoon brown sugar
Vegetables:
Olive oil
8 ounces cremini or white mushrooms, ends trimmed, halved or quartered if large
Kosher salt

1 to 2 medium carrots, peeled, sliced 1/2-inch thick
8 ounces pearl onions, peeled (optional)
Heat the oven to 300 degrees. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large Dutch oven or ovenproof pot with a lid over medium-high heat. Season the beef with salt and pepper. Working in batches, add the beef to the pan, without overcrowding, and brown on all sides, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer to a plate and repeat until all the beef is browned.

Add the cognac to the pot and deglaze, stirring up any brown bits. Reduce by half, and then pour the cognac over the reserved beef.

Add 1 tablespoon oil, the carrots, onion and garlic to the pot and saute over medium heat until the vegetables soften without browning, 3 to 4 minutes. Return the beef and cognac to the pot. Add the wine, stock, thyme, bay leaves and tomato paste. The beef should be submerged in the stock. Add more stock or wine if needed.

Bring to a boil, then turn off the heat, cover the pot and transfer to the oven. Cook until the meat is very tender, 2 1/2 to 3 hours, stirring every hour or so.

Place a sieve over a large saucepan. Carefully pour the stew into the sieve and strain the liquid into the

saucepan. Separate the chunks of meat from the vegetables and set the meat aside. Press down on the remaining vegetables in the sieve to extract as much juice into the drained liquid as possible and discard the mashed vegetables.

Boil the liquid until the sauce is reduced by about one-third and slightly thickened, about 20 minutes, skimming the fat from the surface. Stir in the sugar and season to taste with salt and pepper. Return the beef to the sauce. (Note: At this point, the stew may be made one to two days in advance. Cool, then cover and refrigerate overnight. One hour before serving, remove from the refrigerator, discard any collected fat from the surface of the stew, and prepare the vegetables.)

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the mushrooms, lightly season with salt, and saute until light golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a bowl. Add 1 tablespoon oil to the same skillet, then add the carrots and onions and saute until bright in color and crisp-tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer to the bowl with the mushrooms.

Add the vegetables to the stew and simmer over medium heat to heat through, 10 to 15 minutes. Ladle the stew into warm bowls and serve.

Here's how to avoid Ukraine charity scams

It's times like these that excite scammers.

You see images from Ukraine and feel compassion and the need to give what you can to help

civilians fleeing to safety. Con artists see the Russian invasion as a way to use your generosity against you.

I've already received a call asking that I give to the relief effort to benefit Ukrainian children on behalf of an "international" charity whose name I didn't recognize. I suspected it was a con and immediately ended the call.

Stock market indexes are down, and you worry your investment account won't return what you need to live a financially peaceful retirement.

Not to worry. Criminal enterprises are ready to persuade you that they have a guaranteed way for you to invest and earn big money without any risk.

Rising inflation makes con artists jump for joy because they know frightened investors are more likely to fall for scams involving gold, cryptocurrencies, foreign currencies or fake investment opportunities.

Anxious about rising oil prices?

You don't need to answer that, because swindlers know you are. And they will – if they haven't already – call or contact you via your social media accounts. They will send you emails or text messages about where to find cheaper gas prices, or how to invest to take advantage of rising prices at the pump.

Data from the Federal Trade Commission shows that consumers reported fraud losses of more than \$5.8 billion in 2021, an increase of more than 70 percent from a year earlier.

For one week of every year – it's March 6 to 12 this year – state, federal and local law enforcement agencies and consumer groups focus heavily on fraud as part of National Consumer Protection Week. They plan talks, webinars and blog posts with warnings and tips on how to avoid scams.

It's a valiant effort to save folks from fraudsters, but it's like killing cockroaches. The criminals, often with evolving scripts shaped by current events, are nearly impossible to eradicate, because they've found a suitable environment to thrive – social media platforms.

Recently, a scammer created an Instagram account to impersonate me. (It's since been deleted.) Some of my friends were sent private messages that started with, "How are you doing?"

When a friend responded asking how I was doing, she received this message: "I'm doing fine as well and extremely happy really busy online looking for a project to invest my Melinda gate Grant Money on. I wonder if you have heard about the news yet?"

She wasn't 100 percent sure the message was authentic, so she sent me an email. Had she not blocked the account, the request for money would have followed. The fake account meant I had to post a warning on Instagram.

The Identity Theft Resource Center said it's seen a sharp increase in Instagram account takeovers. In some cases, people are locked out of their Instagram account, which allows the criminals to post links to bogus bitcoin investments. They then boast about the money they've made investing in

bitcoin, luring people into the scam.

I can easily see how people fall for many of these scams. They believe they are communicating with someone they trust.

The financial losses where contact was made through a social media platform are staggering and rising. People reported losing \$796 million to fraud initiated on social media in 2021, according to the FTC. That's up from \$257 million in 2020. Victims said the con started with a message, post or ad.

"Reports make clear that social media is a tool for scammers in investment scams, particularly those involving bogus cryptocurrency investments," the FTC said, noting that the platforms have seen a massive surge in consumer complaints.

The FTC has great resources to help you avoid being victimized. Go to ftc.gov and subscribe to consumer alerts, or search for "National Consumer Protection Week" to find upcoming events on Twitter and Facebook. You'll find information on how to report a scam or file a complaint at nasaa.org, the site for the North American Securities Administrators Association, which represents state and provincial securities regulators in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

I teach a monthly financial workshop at my church. For the rest of this year, each time we meet, I'm highlighting various scams. I'm concerned about the many people who will be taken in by charlatans capitalizing on the crisis in Ukraine. The losses for some can be financially devastating. Things are so bad that we all have to make it a habit to talk about, post and warn our family and friends. This is going to take a village.

It's not enough to say, "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is," when the pitch appears to be from someone a person trusts.

If you get a direct message and the greeting is general, such as "How are you?" or something similar, suspect it right away. And please never send money to anyone who reaches out to you via social media, even if it appears to be a desperate friend or family member. Scammers can easily steal a photo and bio information and create a fake account. They can hijack a person's email account so it looks real. They can steal just enough personal information to make their con appear legit.

If you want to help Ukrainians, take the time to check out a charitable appeal.

To avoid a scam using the conflict in Ukraine or any other current event, start with the premise that every direct message, link, email or text is fake and work from there. This should be your default response to any contact you did not initiate.

Trust nothing. Verify everything.

Paranoia is your protection from losing your hard-earned money.

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How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed after two years?

By VICTORIA MILKO
AP Science Writer

More countries are shifting toward a return to normal and learning to live with the virus. Safe, effective vaccines have been developed and there's better understanding of how to treat people sickened by the virus.

Two years after the pandemic began, questions remain about the coronavirus. But experts know a lot more about how to keep it under control.

The virus mainly spreads

through the air when an infected person exhales, talks, coughs or sneezes. It's why health officials have encouraged the use of masks and ventilating spaces, instead of focusing on advice to wipe down surfaces as they did early on.

Treatment has also evolved for people who get sick or need to be hospitalized. Among the options are antivirals, such as the drug remdesivir, or newer pills from Pfizer and Merck; anti-inflammatory drugs including steroids;

and depending on what variant is circulating, lab-made antibodies to attack the virus.

"The world has watched us learn in real-time how to treat COVID-19," says Neil J. Sehgal, an assistant professor of health policy and management at the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

COVID-19 vaccines were also developed in record time. As of early March, 10 vaccines have been cleared for emergency use by the World Health Organization.

Still, distribution of vaccines has been unequal despite an international effort to deliver shots more fairly and misinformation has fueled hesitancy about the shots.

And there's still much left to learn. Studies are underway to better understand long COVID-19, which can persist for months after an initial infection. And scientists are on the lookout for the next fast-spreading variant.

"Eventually every country will have to learn to live with COVID," says Sehgal.

Manchester’s Camp, Salazar earn USTFCCCA All-Region honors

By DILLON BENDER

The current Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Athletes of the Week, Carley Camp and Enrique Salazar, have earned 2022 USTFCCCA All-Great Lakes Region honors, as announced by the USTFCCCA on Tuesday, March 8.

First-year thrower Carley Camp, from Logansport, set a season-best mark in the shot put at the Ohio Northern Polar Bear Qualifier on Saturday, March 5. Her top mark of 12.87m (42’ 2 3/4”) over the weekend vaulted her to second all-time in the Manchester University record books. Her mark shot



her up to fifth in the Great Lakes Region. Nationally, the first-year’s mark was good for 40th this indoor season.



Junior distance runner Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, continues to rack up the accolades after an impressive indoor circuit.

FAR LEFT: First-year Carley Camp is from Logansport. **LEFT:** Junior distance runner Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, continues to rack up the accolades after an impressive indoor circuit.

Photos provided

Salazar took home All-Great Lakes Region honors in both the 3000m and 5000m events. The 2022 HCAC Men’s Distance Athlete of the Year this winter, Salazar ranked fifth in the Great Lakes Region in both events. Nationally, Salazar ranked 25th in the 3000m and 27th in the 5000m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Jackson-Davis leads IU past No. 16 Illinois

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Trayce Jackson-Davis had something to prove at the Big Ten Tournament.

He wanted to show the critics he could excel against the conference’s top big men and that Indiana deserved an NCAA Tournament bid. So far, no complaints.

Jackson-Davis made the go-ahead free throws with 26.1 seconds left Friday, then added another foul shot with 1.7 seconds left to seal a 65-63 victory over No. 16 Illinois, sending the ninth-seeded Hoosiers to their first semifinal appearance since 2013 and likely their first NCAA Tournament since 2016.

“It’s big for us, but like I told you yesterday, we didn’t pack for two days or three days,” said Jackson-Davis, who finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and three assists. “We packed to win the Big Ten. I’m glad we got this win today to solidify our (NCAA) spot but we want to play two more games.”

Without him, Indiana (20-12) likely wouldn’t have made it this far.

Jackson-Davis helped rally the Hoosiers from a 17-point, second-half deficit on Thursday against Michigan, then made a key jumper and all the right plays down the stretch against the

top-seeded Fighting Illini, who hoped to win consecutive tourney crowns for the first time in school history.

Even missing the game’s final free throw worked out as Jackson-Davis watched the clock run out with players scrambling for the rebound.

“I went back and watched the tape of him going against the big fella, Kofi Cockburn, and you’re right, he didn’t fare well,” coach Mike Woodson said, referring to previous matchups. “Trayce got in foul trouble in our place early and just was never a factor. I challenged him again today. I said, ‘You’ve got to go out and compete against this guy and make him respect you.’”

Jackson-Davis didn’t disappoint. Cockburn finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds for Illinois (22-9) and Coleman Hawkins had a career-high 18 points as the Illini had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Illinois had two chances to take the lead in the final 15 seconds. But Trent Frazier threw the ball away with 11.5 seconds left and Andre Curbelo missed a layup with 4 seconds remaining.

“I thought Coleman would be open in the corner for a 3,” Frazier said. “But we had some confusion down there. I made a bad decision. I’m disappointed in myself. I’ve got to make a better decision.”

The Hoosiers took full advantage in a drastically different game from the teams’ meeting last month, a 74-57 Illinois victory.

This time, Indiana’s defense kept the Illini under control for long stretches and when Illinois went more than four minutes without scoring in the second half, Indiana responded with nine straight points to take a 47-42 lead with 12:28 to play.

Illinois finally tied the score at 54 when Hawkins made one of two free throws with 5:27 left and took the lead when Hawkins made a 3 on the Illini’s next possession.

It didn’t last.

Jackson-Davis’ second straight basket, a 15-footer, gave Indiana a 58-57 lead with 4:12 to go. Hawkins made two free throws to put the Illini back ahead, but all they could muster after that were four free throws from Cockburn.

Indiana’s Xavier Johnson had 13 points and six assists while Race Thompson finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Woodson’s team started this week-end uncertain if it would make the 68-team NCAA tourney field. Thursday’s comeback and Friday’s surprise win should be enough.

Indiana will play in Saturday’s first semifinal.

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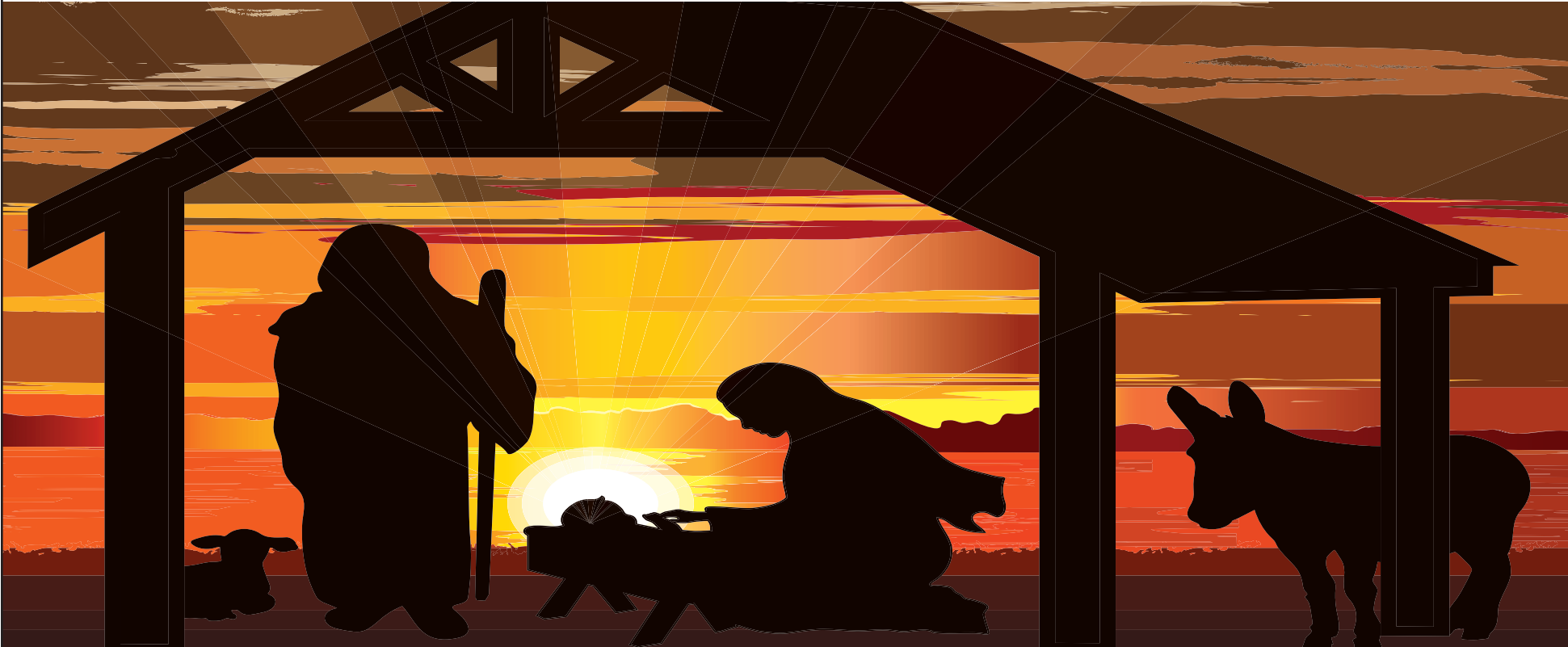


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